GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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INTER ISLAND HELICOPTER SERVICE
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is any proposal to introduce an Inter-Island helicopter service to connect all the inhabited Islands of Lakshadweep with Kavarati especially during south west monsoon season when boat services are not possible in operation;

(b) If so, whether the Government is considering to involve the private players to run the helicopter services in this regard;

(c) If so, the details thereof; and

(d) If not, the remedial measures being taken to introduce helicopter service in the region?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a):- Pawan Hans Helicotpers Limited (PHHL) has provided a Dauphin helicopter to the Lakshadweep Administration on long term lease basis. This helicopter is dedicated to the Administration, who are utilising the helicotper as per their requirements.

(b):- No, Sir.

(c):- Does not arise.

(d):-PHHL provides helicopter services to the users on need basis subject to availability of helicopters. If Lakshadweep Administration requires additional helicopters, the same can be considered on the basis of availability.